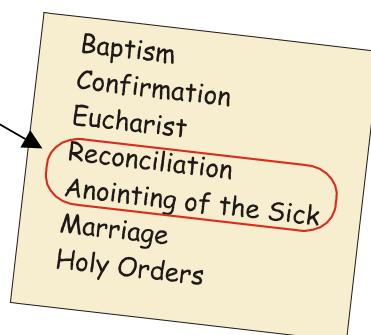


Sacraments Of Healing

RECONCILIATION AND the Anointing of the Sick are together called **Sacraments of Healing**. They are to mend us when we are broken in mind and body. Sometimes, a person may receive both sacraments together. The priest anoints the sick person with blessed oil. The followers of Jesus have always done this when someone was sick (James 5:14-16).



When is it right to receive the Sacrament of Anointing?



In which place may should this sacrament be given?



- *When you've not been well for a long time.*
- *When you are about to have a big operation.*
- *When you are not so young and strong as before.*
- *When death is very near.*

When a sick person cannot come to church, the Church comes to the sick person. So a priest may anoint the sick at their home or in a hospital, for example. Sometimes, the sick person may be able to go to church for special service of healing.

ONCE UPON a time, people thought you should only be anointed just before you die. The sacrament is not meant just for that time only. It is meant to bring strength, peace and healing when your health is not so good, and when you need God's grace to support you.

How many times can this sacrament be received?



As often as you need to - just like the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ANOINT - to put blessed oil on a person

To do

- 1 Why are Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick called Sacraments of Healing?
- 2 When should a person receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? (Use the statements below to help you.)

I was anointed just before I had to go for an operation to remove a tumour. I knew that God have given me strength to cope with his will.
Jacinta

I was anointed during a healing service last week. I'm getting on a bit and am not as healthy as I used to be. I felt at peace after being anointed.
George

I was anointed in hospital. The doctors thought I was about to die and called a priest. I feel much better now and ready to take up my life again.
Christopher